

Tour de France is only a 5,336 foot climb over 13.6 miles.

Ted Trambley won his age group with a time of 3 hours, 43 minutes, and 39 seconds and finished 35th overall. A tremendous achievement, he should be proud knowing he has conquered the sun.

He has mentioned retirement from the racing circuit, but I truly doubt that he will hang up his cleats. It is near impossible to give up a lifelong passion.

Although he has accomplished these amazing feats of athletic endurance over four decades of training and dedication, he could not have done so without the tireless support of his wife, Mary Ann, and his two sons, Sean and Kyle.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring a truly remarkable athlete, husband, and father, Ted Trambley.

RECOGNIZING GEORGIA OLIVE FARMS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Georgia Olive Farms for successfully harvesting the first olive crop in the eastern United States in nearly 125 years.

An Italian vacation inspired Jason Shaw to envision olives being grown in, of all places in the world, South Georgia. To make his vision a reality, he partnered with his brother Sam Shaw and cousin Kevin Shaw and the trio planted their first olive orchard near Lakeland, Georgia in 2008. They later established a cooperative association with George Hughes and Berrien Sutton of Homerville, Georgia to create Georgia Olive Farms.

Georgia Olive Farms was organized in 2009 near Lakeland, Georgia to establish and develop the innovative agricultural venture of mechanical olive harvesting. In September, they successfully harvested approximately three tons of arbequina olives to be processed into high quality extra virgin olive oil. This harvest marks a milestone in southern agriculture, as this was the first harvest of olives in not just the south, but in the entire eastern United States since the late 1800s. In addition to harvesting, they are a distributor of olive trees and offer grower contracts for others who may wish to expand this historical venture in order to introduce olives as a new viable cash crop for southern farmers.

Georgia Olive Farms' innovative techniques and information sharing have potential implications for some of our country's great problems. Georgia Olive Farms has developed a new market which will create a new revenue source for farmers, create new employment opportunities, and expand agricultural innovations and inspirations. Moreover, the new market for olives will increase the production of olive oil made here in America. As such, American-made olive oil can finally be a significant and healthy alternative to the standard cooking oils that are correlated with the high rates of obesity and health concerns plaguing this country. Georgia Olive Farms now exists as a reminder that the innovations and visions of small businesses do in fact provide the answers to many of our country's great ques-

tions and that we must obligate ourselves to supporting them.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR REACHING THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT'S SWEET SIXTEEN

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Richmond men's basketball team for a remarkable 2010–2011 season, which culminated in an Atlantic 10 Conference Championship as well as a berth to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

The University of Richmond, which is located in the heart of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District, boasts a long tradition of excellence on the basketball court. Since 1984, the Richmond Spiders have earned an impressive 9 bids to compete in the NCAA Tournament and have reached the Sweet Sixteen on two of those trips.

This past March, along with cross-town rival, Virginia Commonwealth University, the Spiders captivated the entire City of Richmond as one of two teams advancing to the Sweet Sixteen—a feat matched by only two other cities since 1980.

The 2010–2011 season was one full of accomplishments for the Spiders—setting a school record for number of wins, 29, and points scored, 2,577. On several occasions, the Spiders defied the odds to beat top-tier programs. In November, the Spiders pulled off the upset by shocking the then-8th ranked Purdue Boilermakers by a score of 65-54. After gaining a berth to the NCAA Tournament, the Spiders carried their seven game win streak into a game against the fifth seed, Vanderbilt, and proceeded to knock off the favorite in the opening round of the tournament.

Several Richmond players took home individual honors this past season as well. Senior guard Kevin Anderson—the 2010 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year—continued to pile up individual accolades, garnering both First-Team All-Conference honors as well as being named the 2011 A-10 Tournament MVP. Senior forward Justin Harper also earned First-Team All-Conference honors and subsequently was drafted 32nd overall in this past June's NBA Draft. Kevin Smith, a senior forward, also was named to the A-10 All-Defensive team.

The Spider's success on the basketball court should come as no surprise. Led by head coach Chris Mooney, the University of Richmond has established itself as not only a leader in the A-10 but also one of the nation's elite. Mooney's Spiders have reached the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back years, and have also finished inside the Top 25 of the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll the past two years. The Spiders have shown that they do not shy away from competition—having won seven of their last ten games against ranked opponents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending the Richmond Spiders men's basketball team, Coach Mooney, President Ed Ayers, and the entire community at the University of Rich-

mond for a spectacular season and I wish them well this season.

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR CHARLES HENRY WILLIAMS

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the record on behalf of my constituent, Reverend Aaron Wheeler:

"Pastor Charles Henry Williams has been a pillar of strength and love to his flock at the Morning Star Baptist Church and to the good people of the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia for more than 40 years. He has labored in the vineyard as a pastor and leader to all who knew and loved him, and his accomplishments are truly remarkable.

From the moment Dr. Williams was called to the ministry in 1967, he embraced feeding the poor and seeking the lost for the Lord.

Pastor Williams served on too numerous boards and committees to mention. Some of the organizations he served in as a faithful member and in leadership positions were the Virginia Beach Minister's Conference, Sharon Missionary Association of Suffolk and the Tidewater Metro Minister's Conference. And on a lighter note, Pastor Williams was honored by the Virginia Beach Afro-American Cultural Council as an "Honorary Cowboy" in 1999.

This man of God was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Norfolk Seminary in 1997. The former Mayor of Virginia Beach acknowledged that December 4, 1994 was officially, "Pastor Charles Henry Williams Day" in the city of Virginia Beach.

It is evident to all those who interacted with Pastor Williams just how much this humble man truly loved his family.

The people of the 2nd Congressional District of the State of Virginia give honor to Pastor Charles Henry Williams, as his untimely leaving is our loss but heaven's gain.

The Bible rang true for his service to this world in the scripture of 2 Timothy 4:7–8: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give to me on that Day."

SENIOR VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2011

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, we must ensure that the men and women who bravely served our country have access to affordable housing. My bill, the Senior Veterans Housing Assistance Act, seeks to make sure that government regulations do not pose an impediment to achieving this important goal.

This issue came to light because of conflicting rules and regulations between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs. In Dayton, Ohio, the St. Mary's Neighborhood